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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Official Action, mailed September 25, 2002. A petition for a three month extension of time with the requisite fee is enclosed. No amendments to the claims or specification are proposed in this response. The Applicants are requesting expedited processing of this Response After Final as described in MPEP 714.13. A Request for Continued Examination is also being filed along with a request for a three month suspension of time. All remarks herein are made without prejudice.